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TALKING IN BUCHAREST

by the CJN diplomatic editor

The USSR and Israel are reported to be seriously discussing the possibility of reopening the Suez Canal prior to the expected protracted negotiations concerning a peace settlement in the Middle East. According to diplomatic sources these lower echelon contacts are being conducted in Bucharest, the capital of Rumania. Rumania is the only Communist country on good terms with the Jewish State.

On the other hand Washington sources indicate that the United States is quite concerned about these developments. At this moment, informed sources in the American capital say the United States government is not interested in reopening the Suez Canal, a move that would give an advantage to the Soviet fleet.

In the case of conflict American officials say, off the record, the Soviet fleet would be bottled in within the Mediterranean area. Should the Suez Canal reopen, Moscow would have gained a short route to the Indian Ocean and directly to Vietnam.

DAYAN TO CONFER WITH
U.S. LEADERS

Moshe Dayan, Israel's controversial Minister of Defence, is expected in the United States towards the beginning of next week. Already the State Department has confirmed several appointments with him although officially he is only to address United Jewish Appeal meetings.

The following American leaders are already preparing to meet with Dayan: Melvin Laird, the Secretary of Defence; William Rogers, the Secretary of State; Joseph Siscoe, Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East; and last but not least, Dr. Henry Kissinger, the President's Advisor on Security Matters.

It is reported that the Israeli cabinet held a very important meeting in Jerusalem last Sunday. At this

meeting, chaired by Premier Golda Meir, it was decided to entrust Dayan with a mission to prepare the groundwork for the resumption of the Jarring talks, the indirect negotiations with the Arabs about the peace settlement. According to some informants Dayan may also meet with President Nixon after discussion with members of the American President's cabinet.

MOSCOW OPTIMISTIC

At East River on Monday many ambassadors commented on the most recent statement by the Soviet leader, Leonid I. Brezhnev. Mr. Brezhnev, according to an uncensored report from Moscow which appeared in the New York Times, declared that the chances for a Middle East settlement are very good.

Reports from Moscow indicate that Mr. Brezhnev's statement of optimism regarding the Middle East has been nationally televised. The Middle East situation, according to Soviet commentators, is a matter of great concern to the Soviet people. Brezhnev said there are now "favorable conditions" for

the liquidation of the conflict there. The Soviet leader stated that it is necessary to use "unmilitary means" to end the Israeli occupation of Arab territories seized in 1967.

Mr. Brezhnev also mentioned Berlin, and indicated that Russia would be open to a package deal of give and take both there and in the Middle East.

For the first time, however, the Americans say, they would prefer Israel to hold on.

IRISH
KOSHER
MEAT

Dublin, (JCNS). - A snag has arisen in connection with the project for the export of kosher meat to Israel, in pursuance of which a team of Israeli shochetim is now in Dublin.

It now appears that contracts were negotiated and signed without prior arrangement with either the Rabbinate or the Board of Shechita of Eire, the recognized procedure under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1835.

It may well be that the parties to the contracts were not aware that the position in regard to shechita in Eire is not quite the same as that obtaining in Argentina, from which similar exports to Israel have previously been made.

In the event, discussions are going on between the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Isaac Cohen, the Board of Shechita, the exporting company, International Meat Packers, and the Israeli agent, with a view to regularizing the position. Meanwhile, it is understood that full-scale production is now in operation under the contracts.

MOBILE SYNAGOGUES
FOR ISRAELI ARMY

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - The Israeli Army took delivery this week of three mobile synagogues fitted with seats, arks, reading desks and electrical lights. They will be used in positions where it is not feasible to build permanent synagogues.



Eight of the jailed Soviet-Jewish intellectuals to be tried on trumped up hijacking charges. Following world protests, the show has been delayed.

33 IN LENINGRAD ACCUSED

which it was physically impossible for them to have been involved.

The KGB has thus prepared a criminal case in the worst tradition of Stalinist show trials, basing itself on Article 14 of the Soviet Penal Code, which states that the intention to commit a crime is as much an offence as actually committing the crime itself.

Additional information emanating from the Soviet Union lends support to the grave anxiety felt in the West about the affair. Two weeks ago, Dr. Michael Korenblit and Victor Stihlman were arrested in Leningrad, bringing the total of arrested Jews up to then to 33.

Both had earlier applied for exit visas to Israel. In addition, Michael Korenblit signed some of the pleas to the Soviet authorities to permit the signatories to emigrate.

DOCUMENTS

Paris, (JCNS). - Indications of the way in which the hijacking case has been fabricated appear in two moving human documents released for publication by the Contemporary Jewish Library in Paris.

The first is a letter sent to the Leningrad Attorney-General (with a copy to the local KGB chief) by 65-year-old Mrs. Ida Yakovlevna Boguslavskaya. Reizina, whose 80-year-old son, Viktor, Noyevich Boguslavsky, was arrested after having protested against the arrest of his friends.

Mrs. Boguslavskaya wrote in her letter that she was summoned for questioning by Captain Glushkov of the KGB who started shouting, "threatening to transform her, a woman of 65, from a witness into a defendant!" In other words, to have her arrested and accused of involvement in the alleged hijacking.

Her head was aching so much and she had such great pain in her heart, she wrote, that she was ready to sign anything, and has no recollection of what she did sign.

Mrs. Boguslavskaya concludes her letter by saying that any "evidence" she may have provided was obtained under duress.

The second document is a letter signed by the wives and other relatives of eight of the Leningrad defendants,

including mothers and children.

The letter, dated June 19, claims that those arrested on June 15 are the victims of a "monstrous error".

They were all either at home or at work when the alleged hijacking attempt took place.

ACCUSED OF
ARMS SALES

Lausanne, (JCNS). - The Buehrle trial in which four men are accused of selling arms illegally to Egypt and Israel, as well as to Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Nigeria, Malaysia and South Africa, opened in the Swiss Federal Supreme Court here recently.

Arms worth about \$21 million are alleged to have been exported illegally, infringing a 1949 Federal Government decision prohibiting such sales to countries at war or in areas of tension. The four men accused are Dieter Buehrle, the head of the Buehrle firm; Gabriel Lebedinsky, the former sales director of its weapons department; Alexander Gelbert, the department's deputy director; and Max Meili, the administrator.

Gelbert is accused of arranging arms supplies to the Israeli Government between 1965 and 1968 in spite of an

official Swiss embargo proclaimed in 1955.

According to the prosecution, weapons deliveries included ammunition, air-to-air rockets, detonators and radar equipment. It was alleged that devious methods had been used to overcome the embargo.

Gelbert is alleged to have obtained certificates from authorities within the French Defence Ministry, the French Army and the Iranian Air Force, stating that the weapons were to be sent to France and Iran.

Persons convicted on such charges are liable to imprisonment and heavy fines.

**GENERAL EZER
WEIZMAN CONQUERS
CANADIAN YOUTH**
(see page 2)

Bonn favors Israel, Paris woos Arabs

Munich

The Middle East conflict was one of the main topics discussed at the meeting here last week of the foreign ministers of the six Common Market countries in a first attempt to formulate a joint Middle East policy by the West European Governments.

Mr. Walter Scheel, of West Germany, was reported to have adopted a pro-Israel attitude, while Mr. Maurice Schumann, of France, explained his Government's pro-Arab policy. In the discussions with their colleagues from Italy, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

He put forward five points for a Middle East settlement, which

the Suez Canal; and the setting up of a demilitarized zone between Israel and Egypt.

Later, an official announcement said that the foreign ministers had asked the Common Market political committee to seek a basis for a joint position on the Middle East. The committee is to meet in Paris in January, when it will take its first steps in this direction, but observers believe that the outlook for a joint stand at present is not promising.

Commentary

BY M. J. NURENBERGER

Strange diplomacy

I must take exception to a remark made by the Honorable Mitchell Sharp, the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Replying to a question by the Right Honorable J.G. Diefenbaker, the former Prime Minister, on November 25th, Mr. Sharp told the House that Jewish organizations "were not unhappy" about Canada's abstention in the vote on the latest Mideast resolution.

We all remember this latest debate at the United Nations General Assembly where a pro-Arab resolution ignoring the essence of the Resolution 242 of the U.N. Security Council was accepted under the pressure of all enemies of Israel. Israel made it clear that that resolution was a conspiracy on the part of herenemies to weaken her, more to put a strait jacket on her. Fortunately the pro-Egyptian alliance of the "progressive" nations at East River has no military power to impose upon Israel its suicide order. But while the United Nations openly opposed this resolution, Canada assumed the wishy-washy position of neutrality. Why, then, should the Secretary of State believe that we, the friends of Israel, were "not unhappy" about this strange abstention?

I have profound respect for Mr. Sharp, for his integrity, and I believe he is a friend of Israel. For this reason I cannot swallow such a diplomatic statement. Mr. Sharp says about the Canadian Jewish community, "They would have preferred, I think, to have us vote against the subsequent motion, but I do not think they were unhappy that we abstained."

As a non-diplomat, I must say that this reply by the Secretary of State for External Affairs does require an explanation.

However, if it's not a state secret, who are those in the Jewish community who were not unhappy about Canada's decision?



TORONTO SYNAGOGUES AND ORGANIZATIONS

CONGRESS HOLDS MEETING

A meeting was held in Toronto of the ad hoc group, which was established by the National Religious Affairs Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, to guide the committee until such time as it has been restructured.

It was agreed to aim at a convening of the National Assembly at which time the new committee would be constituted fully at the beginning of March and in between

regional meetings will be held to obtain the broadest possible support for the projected organizational structure.

The envisaged areas of concern of the National Religious Affairs Committee are: Interfaith, Religious broadcasting and TV programs; Holocaust and the religious response to it; Social issues (poverty, discrimination, genocide and the like); Jews in Soviet Russia, satellite countries and Arab lands; Inter-marriage, conversions and adoptions

across denominational lines; Religious responses at campuses; Religious life in smaller communities.

Attending the meeting were: Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, who presided; Rabbi N. Rabinovitch; Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg; Mr. Joseph Levine, chairman of the Congress Religious Affairs Committee, Central Region and the executive director of the Eastern Region of Congress and the secretary of the Orthodox Division, Central Region.

THE PLEDGE

Leonard Slater, author of the bestseller "The Pledge" (describing the underground preparation for the establishment of Israel) will be the guest speaker at the next program meeting of the Toronto Zionist Council on December 16th.

DINNER

The 15th annual dinner of the Council of Jewish Brotherhoods will be held at the Beth Tzedek Synagogue, December 7th. The guest speaker will be Ephraim Evron, Israeli Ambassador to Canada.

RECEPTION FOR RABBI ROSENBERG

The Officers of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, in association with the Toronto Jewish Book Committee, are arranging a reception honoring Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg on the publication of Volume 1 of his book "The Jewish Community in Canada: A History". Mr. Lavy M. Becker, immediate past chairman, CJC National Executive Committee, will be the guest speaker at the reception which is to be held at Temple Sinai, Toronto, on December 3 at 8:30 p.m.



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HIS EXCELLENCY MOSHE KOL, ISRAEL'S MINISTER OF TOURISM, IN TORONTO DEC. 15th. - The Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Committee for the Development of the Tourist Industry in Israel hosts His Excellency Moshe Kol, Israel's Minister of Tourism, on Tuesday, December 15th, at a Luncheon at the Sutton Place Hotel, under the chairmanship of David L. Goldberg.

Appointed Minister of Tourism in 1966, he has been responsible for expanding tourist facilities throughout Israel. Today this industry is Israel's most important single source of foreign currency. At present Israel has 285 hotels, with 30 more under construction and 70 more in the planning stages. This year, Israel will earn over \$100 million from tourism, with a 10% increase in the number of tourists over last year.

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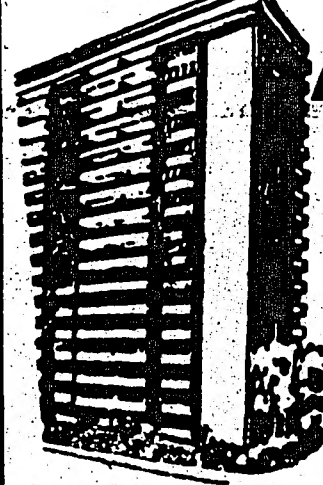
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AT HUNTSVILLE ROTARY

Speaking to the members of the Huntsville Rotary Club, November 16, Col. Josef Getreuer, on Special leave from the Israeli Army as Representative to the Jewish National Fund of Ontario, informed those present about the military situation in Israel in relation to the present situation in the Middle East.

MAX GOODY AT BELLEVILLE

"Russian Involvement in the Middle East: Threat to World Peace", was the topic of Mr. Max Goody's address to a capacity attendance at Belleville's Kiwanis Club luncheon meeting on Tuesday, November 17.

Chairman of the Committee on Soviet Jewry, Federated Zionist Organization of Canada, Mr. Goody's address received a warm response from all in attendance.

SARNIA CAMPAIGN

Mr. Raymon Lieberman, Chairman of the 1970 Sarnia United Jewish Appeal - United Israel Appeal Campaign, welcomed the members of his community to his home on the occasion of the community's annual campaign evening, Thursday, November 12.

A warm welcome was extended to the guest speaker, Lt. Col. Yehuda Shaviv, Special Representative for Projects, Keren Hayesot-United Israel Appeal to Ontario; and

Mr. Yehuda Noy, Executive Director, Central Division, Federated Zionist Organization of Canada and United Israel Appeal, Canada, Inc.

COL. YEHUDA SHAVIV ADDRESSES MACHAL

Special Representative for Projects, Keren Hayesot-United Israel Appeal to Ontario, Lt. Col. Yehuda Shaviv, received an enthusiastic welcome from the members of Machal '48, on Monday, November 16 when he addressed this group. The Machal, all of whom fought in the War of Liberation in 1948, were keenly interested in Col. Shaviv's presentation -- "Ideas from '48 to '70".

KITCHENER-WATERLOO RALLY

Following a Parlor Meeting of Kitchener-Waterloo Campaign Leadership and Top Gifts persons held November 10 at Kitchener's Holiday Inn, at which Mr. Emmanuel Shimon, Ambassador of the Israel Embassy in Ottawa, was guest speaker.

Members of the Kitchener-Waterloo Jewish community gathered at the local synagogue Sunday evening, November 22, where they welcomed Mr. Leo Marcus, National Executive Director of the United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc., guest speaker for this annual community event.

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ELOQUENT SPOKESMEN FOR ISRAEL. - Toronto audiences will hear two outstanding spokesmen for Israel at special Israel Bond events next week. On December 12th Clanton Park Congregation will honor Sol B. S. Edell at a gala Dinner at the Synagogue when he will be presented with the Tower of David Award. In recognition of the leading role played by members of Clanton Park on behalf of Israel, the Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Gideon Rafael, will make a special visit to Toronto to deliver a major address to those present. Mr. Rafael became known to millions during the Six-Day War when he represented his country at the U.N. He has had a major role in shaping Israel's foreign policy in crucial times, and has served as Israel's chief diplomat at Belgium and Luxembourg, as well as other major capitals.

On December 13th guests at the Dinner-Dance being sponsored by Yorkdale Lodge B'nai B'rith will honor R. A. Blankenstein for the Israel Bond leadership which has earned him a top award. Guest speaker on this occasion will be Robert Mayer Evans, news correspondent who has served as Bureau Chief for CBS News in Moscow and as Special Assistant to Edward R. Murrow, Director of the U.S. Information Agency. Mr. Evans is an acknowledged expert on Middle East Affairs who has recently been covering the news there.

Weizman inspires Canadian youth

THOUSANDS WELCOME LEGENDARY ISRAELI HERO

One of Israel's greatest leaders, the architect of Israel's colossal air victory during the Six-Day War, and a hero to Jewish youth the world over, General Ezer

Weizman recently addressed thousands of young people in Canada's largest cities.

AUDIENCES DEEPLY MOVED

General Weizman's speeches deeply moved all who heard him, and his coming proved a great milestone in the history of Jewish youth activity in this country. The response to the general was overwhelming when he spoke to the Jewish youth of Toronto at B'nai Israel Beth David November 24th and university students at the YM-YWHA November 25th. Capacity audiences thrilled to the general's words in Montreal at Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob when he spoke there November 26th. Also in Montreal, this contemporary hero of Israel was the honored guest and speaker at a luncheon tendered by the State of Israel Bonds at Hotel Sonesta. Mr. George Scott chaired the luncheon; Allan Bronfman introduced the general. While in Montreal General Weizman also found time to

turned away due to lack of space.

Although the Montreal Jewish community has often been exposed to Israeli leaders of the highest calibre, the reception accorded General Weizman was one reserved only for a true hero of all Israel. A standing ovation greeted the general as he entered the hall surrounded by the youth dignitaries of the head table.

MONTREAL DIGNITARIES

The chairman of the evening was introduced by Miss Linda Sokoloff, a founding member of the Young Mixed World of the Zionist Revisionist Organization, Frank Dimant, a young community leader and the evening's chairman introduced the representatives of the youth organizations honoring Ezer Weizman. Seated at the Head Table were Ron Kobric -- Chairman, Young Adults, YM-YWHA; Zvi Deutsch -- Chairman, Betar of Montreal; Professor Avie Berman -- Executive Member of Israeli

CHARISMATIC RAPPORT

General Weizman's rapport with his audience was most intimate and informal; his charismatic appeal to the young was everpresent. Young and old sat spellbound as he outlined the situation prevalent in the Middle East. He was most frank and honest regarding Herut's position and did not hesitate to criticize the existing government policy with regard to "super concessions" to the surrounding Arab nations. He related the history of "super concessions" by the Israeli government in the past and its failure to secure a permanent and lasting peace. One of the strongest points made by General Weizman in his address was an overall warning against passivity -- "We're not really headed for peace but for just another 'arrangement'." While General Weizman was not against compromise, he represented the "super compromising" attitude of some official Government policy. As he spoke always with

emphasis on Jewish dignity and pride, one could almost recall the teachings of his great predecessor, Zeev Jabotinsky in his appeals to the Jews of his time. General Weizman's spontaneous talk truly exemplified the mood of the evening "Zionist Revisionism - Active Zionism".

ENTHUSIASTIC DIALOGUE

General Weizman personally opened the floor to questions from the audience and encouraged the large youth representation to participate. A lively dialogue ensued with the general's cleverness and sharp wit always apparent. When questioned on Gahal's withdrawal from the government of national unity, he

stated that it was a matter of conviction which led to Gahal's breaking away. With regard to Israel's support of King Hussein, he further criticized the government's position of support of the artificial Hashemite kingdom known as "trans-Jordan".

The overwhelming turnout of the younger generation of Montreal Jewry was indicative of the concern and involvement for Israel and the desire to hear an honest and informative analysis of the present situation there. The thunderous applause at the conclusion of the evening was further evidence of the respect and honor which everyone felt at the presence of one of Israel's true sons -- General Ezer Weizman.



THOUSANDS CHEER GENERAL EZER WEIZMAN. Capacity audiences thrilled to the inspiring words of the legendary hero of the Six-Day War on his recent visit to Canada. General Weizman is pictured here in stimulating dialogue with Montreal youth November 26th.

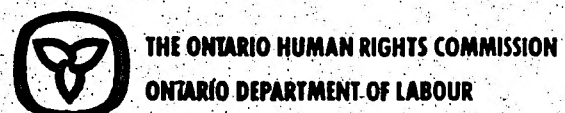
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TORONTO LIVING COMMUNITY



ALEX AND CLARA TOBIAS AWARD RECIPIENTS AT ADATH ISRAEL BOND DINNER. For the first time since the inception of the Israel Bond Award Dinner concept in Toronto, a husband-and-wife team has been recognized jointly for their exemplary leadership on behalf of Israel's economic development program. On November 26th, under the sponsorship of Adath Israel Congregation, the Tower of David Award was presented to Alex and Clara Tobias, guest speaker of the evening was the noted U.S. diplomatic envoy, financier and savior of thousands of Jews during World War II, Mr. Ira Hirschmann. Shown here, left to right: Rabbi Erwin Schild, Alex and Clara Tobias; Harry Frank, Chairman of the Executive Committee, State of Israel Bonds of Toronto; Philip Granovsky, Dinner Chairman; Sol Weinberg, Israel Bond Chairman.



MICHAEL FELDMAN HONORED AT BETH EMETH BAIS YEHUDA. Past President of the congregation, Michael Feldman, was the 1970 recipient of the Tower of David Award presented by the Israel Bond Organization at the congregation dinner on November 21st. Guest speaker was Sholomo Hillel, the Israeli Cabinet Minister. Pictured left to right: Mr. Sholomo Hillel, Harry Frank, Chairman of the Executive Committee, State of Israel Bonds of Toronto; Mrs. Feldman; Rabbi Joseph Kelman; Michael Feldman, award recipient; Irving Borenstein, Israel Bond Chairman; Nathan Arbak, Dinner Chairman; Dr. Aba Gefen, Consul-General of Israel to Toronto; Max Shechter, Chairman Board of Governors, State of Israel Bonds of Toronto.



FARBAND MEMBERS HONOR ISRAEL FREEMAN. The efforts of a lifetime of dedication to Israel and other Jewish causes were recognized at a Dinner sponsored by the Farband Labor Zionist Movement on November 22nd when Israel Freeman was awarded the Tower of David plaque by the State of Israel Bond Organization. Shown here, left to right, are: Harry Weinstock, Farband Chairman; Gen. Herzl Shafir, guest speaker from Israel; Mrs. Freeman; Lipa Wise, Farband Bond Chairman; Israel Freeman, honoree; Harry Steiner, Dinner Chairman; Mayer Mandel, recipient of the Honor Scroll; and Mrs. Mendel Israelson, President, Labor Zionist Movement.



ARTHUR LIPTON TO BE HONORED. Beth Shalom Synagogue will honor Arthur Lipton at the annual Israel Bond Dinner at the synagogue on Sunday, December 13th.

UNESCO LIKELY TO ADOPT ARABIC

Paris, (JCNIS). - Arabic is likely to be added to French, English, Russian and Spanish as one of the working languages of UNESCO - the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Or-

ganization. The proposal was put forward by the organization's administrative commission and was being voted on at the plenary session of UNESCO here this week.

The extra funds needed to adopt Arabic as a working language will be provided by a number of Arab States, principally Kuwait. UNESCO has 127 members, eleven of them Arab.

Dimo Kazasov (Bulgaria)

Third of a series

by Dr. Arie L. Bauminger

NON-JEWS WHO DEFIED THE NAZIS



DINNER AT B'NAI ISRAEL BETH DAVID HONORS BERNARD RUBIN. Members of B'nai Israel Beth David Congregation in support of the State of Israel Bond Campaign in Toronto, paid tribute to Bernard Rubin, at the 1970 Dinner on November 25th, with excellent results for Israel. Shown here, left to right: Boruch Noy, President; Miss Ruhama Gefen, daughter of the Consul-General of Israel to Toronto; Mrs. Noy; Mrs. Rubin; Bernard Rubin; Dr. Sol Goldstein, Chairman, Medical Division, State of Israel Bonds of Toronto; Alex Eisen, Israel Bond Chairman; Rabbi Albert Pappenheim; Jack Chisvin, Dinner Chairman.

The Jews of Bulgaria attribute their survival in the Holocaust in the main to two men: Dimi Peshiev and Dimo Kazasov. Peshiev, Vice-Chairman of the Bulgarian Legislative Assembly during the dark days of the war, succeeded in preventing their deportation by collecting the signatures of many members of the Assembly to that end. Today he is old and lonely, subsisting on an annuity from the Association of Bulgarian Jews in Israel.

Kazasov, an opponent of Fascism, spared nothing in his efforts to save Jews. He aroused writers, clergy and intellectuals, and the masses no less, to undo the evil counsel against the country's Jews. Visiting Israel long after, in May 1966 he said: "I did what I did because I do not believe that a nation that abandons its moral and human values has the right to exist. The Bulgarian people has suffered much in its history, and should have been able to understand the suffering of others."

Down the ages, his birthplace, Trevena, had been a cradle of revolutionaries and intellectuals. Himself an able publisher and editor of one of the largest newspapers in Bulgaria, he was a member of the Legislative Assembly intermittently from 1918 till 1935, when King Boris transformed democracy into dictatorship.

SYMBOL OF THE LIVING CONSCIENCE

Through the grim period of the Second World War, Kazasov held no official post, for the Fascist Government had dismissed him from all his offices. But he became a symbol of the living conscience of every section of the Bulgarian people that was not engulfed in the mania of Fascism. His voice was heard all over Bulgaria. His views were embraced by intellectuals, and, for his superb oratory, his enthusiastic listeners affectionately nicknamed him "The Tribune".

In 1940, discussions began in the Legislative Assembly on the "National Defence Act," which, in effect, was no more than a replica of the anti-Jewish Nuremberg Laws. Kazasov felt impelled to resist this medieval legislation and indicted his famous arraignment of the Prime Minister, Professor Bogdan Filov.

"How very low you have sunk! You once fought in international forums for the rights of Bulgarian minorities to live in peace in their countries of residence. And now you attack the Jewish minority in your own country, thus shaming the entire Bulgarian people. The National Defence Act is an utter disgrace. You denounce a minority which has lived amongst us and has made great sacrifices in the service of this State. How dare you debar them from their legal rights? Whom do you wish to deceive, Bogdan Filov, with the slanders that you

spread about the Jewish accumulation of wealth? This is not Jewish wealth, but Bulgarian wealth, for the Jews are part of the nation. You have but one way to cloak the fraud -- the lash and censorship. But truth -- even if you do not wish it -- will triumph. The whole world will see that the man who holds the lofty post of President of the Scientific Academy grasps in his hand, not the torch of truth, but a whip!"

The letter, though poorly printed, since no professional printer would undertake the job, shook the Government. Kazasov was once arrested by the Secret Police and detained for several days, until the Government came to the conclusion that the damage that his detention could do might be irreparable: a great deal of resentment against the Government of indignation at its attitude towards so popular a personality. He was freed, but sternly warned that, if he did not refrain from meddling in the Government's Jewish policy, he would be consigned to a concentration camp with the Jews.

AT WAR CRIMES TRIAL IN SOFIA

Testifying against Bulgarian war criminals in the National Courts in Sofia on 16 March 1945, Kazasov said: "When the 'Bill for the Defence of the Bulgarian Nation' was being drafted, I dispatched a letter to the Prime Minister, in which I expressed the potential dangers to the Bulgarian people if this anti-Jewish law were adopted. The letter was a completely personal gesture. I did not discuss it with any of my friends or with any group of citizens whatsoever. If I may, for a moment, permit myself to be immodest, I think that, despite it being an individual act, it expressed general public opinion and the positive sympathy felt by the Bulgarian people towards the Jews."

The order for the deportation of the Jews from Bulgaria was deferred again and again. Each time a mir-

acle stayed the expulsion. Bulgarian Jewry regards Kazasov's manifesto as one of the recurring miracles. At all events, his letter started a chain reaction. Other personalities and organizations did not now shrink from expressing their feelings openly, and Bulgarian Jews printed copies of the declarations and distributed them far and wide.

Kazasov paid no heed to the warnings of the Secret Police. He went on utilizing each and every possible platform to preach and press his views. With that object he stood as a candidate in the elections to one public body after another, although he knew that his chances of being chosen were minimal. But it gave him an opportunity to speak at mass meetings, and thousands flocked to hear the "Tribune".

RESISTED JEWS' MASS DEPORTATION He was a member of the group of twenty intellectuals ex-Ministers and army of-

ficers, who on 19 May 1943 gathered at the home of Colonel Damian Velchev to register their collective protest against the despotic monarch's intention to endorse, on the following day, the order for the deportation of Bulgarian Jewry. Four days later, the Police began to round up the leaders of the Jewish community, to be transported to concentration camps in Eastern Europe. Kazasov once again risked his life by giving shelter to the chairman of the community, Yoseph Geron, and two others of its leaders -- Dr. Isaac Kalmy and Men-

achem Fiaonov; they hid unscathed in his home until the danger had passed. Towards the end of 1943, he joined "The People's Front" -- the Bulgarian underground -- all the while writing pamphlets condemning attacks on the Jews. Small wonder that, when he came to Israel at the age of eighty-two, as the honored guest of the Association of Bulgarian Jews, he was tumultuously and thankfully welcomed in homage to a gallantry that saved Bulgarian Jewry from annihilation by Fascism.

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MOVING TO ISRAEL
S.B. Rose, long prominent Zionist in Jewish affairs in the U.S. and in Canada will soon settle permanently in Israel. In order to make some preliminary arrangements, Mr. Rose left Wednesday, December 2nd for a business trip to Israel.

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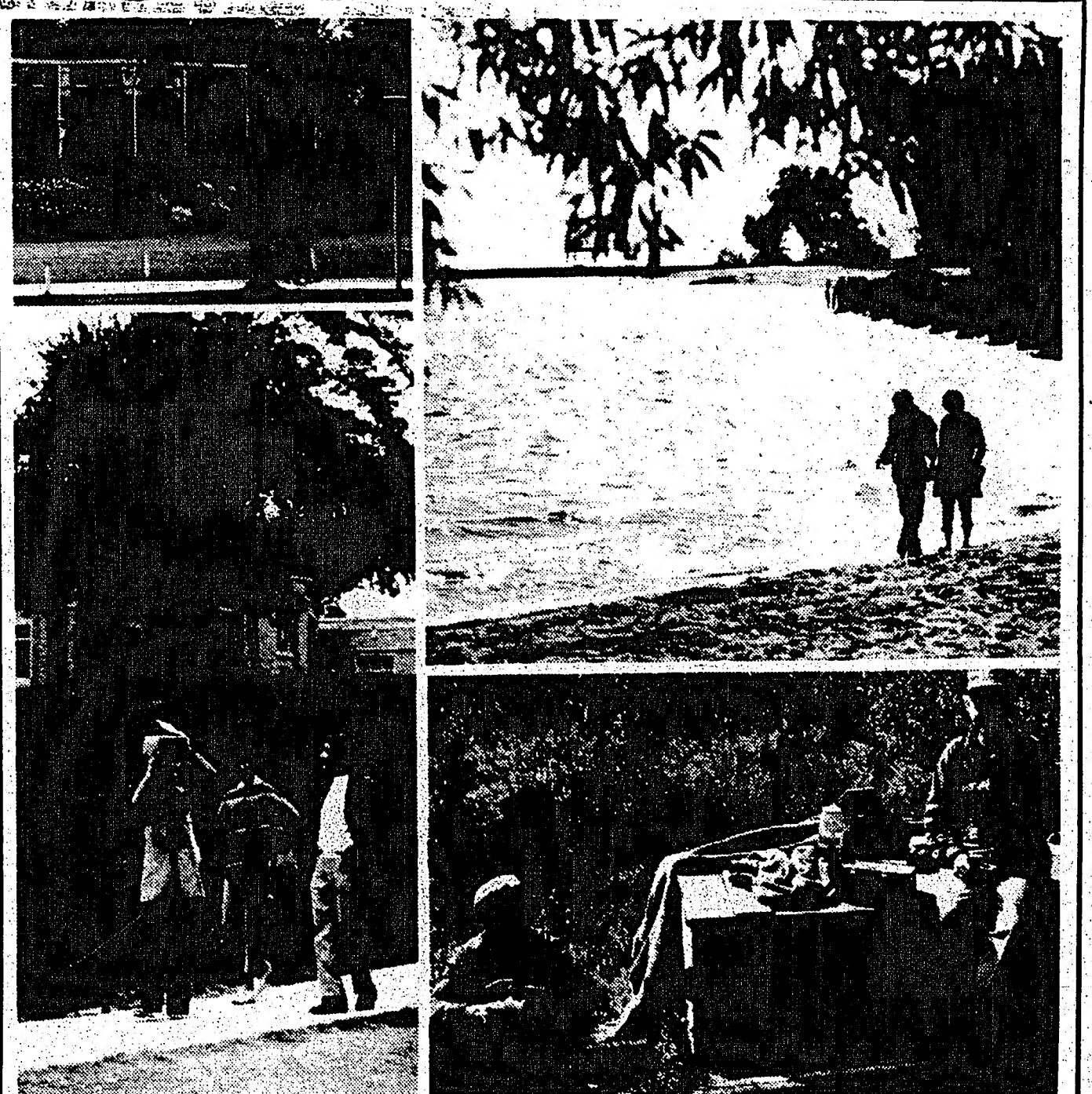
ACROSS ONTARIO

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Speaking to a sizeable representation of community members, Mr. Marcus stressed the urgent need for increased giving in these critical days in Israel, which was well responded to during the pledging session of the evening.
Musical entertainment was provided by the well-known Cantor and Mrs. Tibor Kelen which enhanced the mood of the evening.

KINGSTON
Mr. Thomas O. Hecht, Vice-President of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, Inc., and Chairman of the Montreal Combined Jewish Appeal, will speak at Kingston's Annual Community UJA-UJA Campaign evening held on November 15. He presented a most inspiring address stressing the vital needs in Israel today and the importance of each member doing his utmost to ensure that the campaign goal will be reached.
The event, which took place at Beth Israel Synagogue, was chaired by Messrs. Mort

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Reviewing "Jewish vote" myth

LESSON IN POLITICS

The experts and innumerable pundits who are employed by various Jewish organizations in the United States are now analyzing the problem of why Arthur Goldberg lost. The reader will remember Arthur Goldberg, the Supreme Court Justice, Arthur Goldberg, the United Nations Ambassador of President Johnson, whose legacy is the infamous United Nations Security Council Resolution 242. Recently Goldberg ran against Nelson Rockefeller for the post of Governor of the State of New York.

COUNTED ON JEWISH VOTES

Those who advised Goldberg to run on the Democratic ticket against liberal Republican Rockefeller, had counted on the Jewish vote: first, because Jews in New York have traditionally voted Democrats; second, because Goldberg is a Jew and has received immense publicity within the Jewish community out of proportion to his contributions both in the community and as a diplomat.

However, there seems to be a new trend in the Jewish community—away from traditional voting. The time when an American Jew would elect a political representative only because of his Jewish descent are over. American Jews have long left the ghetto; they no longer have an inferiority complex, they no longer become excited about a Jewish candidate. The appeal of the immigrant days has rubbed off as the new American Jew becomes Americanized. He is a proud Jew but he does not suffer from the complexes of the generation of newcomers.

Thus when Arthur Goldberg placed his candidacy before the people of the state of New York, his machine was confident the Jewish vote, traditionally Democrat, would be sewn up, especially since Goldberg is also a "liberal".

AGAINST STATE SUBSIDIZED DAY SCHOOLS

During the election campaign Goldberg refused to support the many in the Jewish community demanding state subsidies for Day Schools. Also in this respect, Mr. Goldberg was ill-advised by his cronies who told him that the Jewish Day School is the concern of "Orth-

odox Jews only". Of course they could have told him of the substantial number of Orthodox Jews in New York. Yet the Day School, originally launched by the Orthodox community, has now become the concern of the vast majority of American Jewish parents who would like to see Jewish schools supported by the state, as are Catholic schools.

Yet Goldberg "the liberal" restated his position that he was among the defenders of the separation of church and state when he served on the Supreme Court.

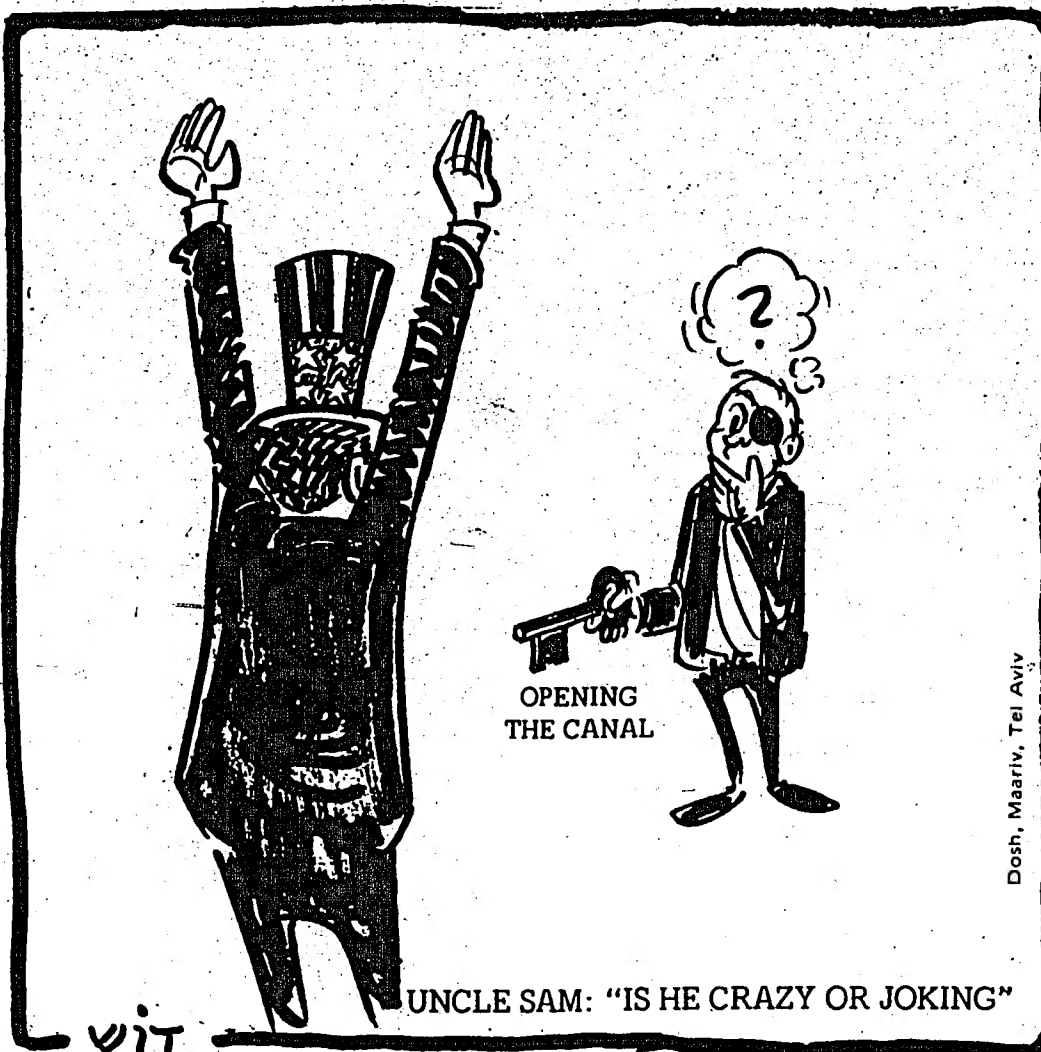
Rockefeller plainly endorsed the demand that the state support the Jewish Day School as long as it supports the Catholic schools.

In another area of citizen's concern Rockefeller was supported by those Jews who sympathize with the Jewish Defense League and are demanding a stronger position against attacks by black demagogues and criminals frequently found in Jewish districts of the United States. This, too, helped the Republicans, and now the analysts and pollsters are all reviewing their traditional evaluation of the Jewish vote.

IMMIGRANT DAYS OVER

We believe this lesson from the state of New York should not be lost when Canadian politicians analyze the voting habits of various groups. Here, too, some professional liberals are afraid to ask for government support for the Jewish Day School, one of the most important institutions created by the modern North American Jew. Also these people do not seem to realize how unpopular a certain brand of anti-Americanism and socialism has become among thinking Jews who dare look at the reality in the so-called socialist countries and compare it with the evils of capitalism as we know it in North America.

In general we believe that the immigrant days of the Jewish vote are over. Jews will vote for the candidates who are, in their opinion, those who best represent the interests of all citizens. They will vote only for those who are not obsessed by Jewish inferiority complexes which drive some of them to a ludicrous form of cosmopolitanism and liberalism, neglecting the true interests of their own community.



A unique tribe of Israel

THE FALASHAS

by David Kessler

JCNS EXCLUSIVE FROM LONDON

Over a period of a good many years (40 to be precise) I have seen numerous outlying habitations of the tribes of Israel but the settlement of the Falashas in Ethiopia are in many respects unique.

It is not simply that the Falashas are black Jews -- we have other dark-skinned coreligionists such as the Bene Israel and the Cochins in India, to say nothing of the Jews of Harlem in New York. But nowhere else have I felt that the Jews were such an integral part of their surroundings. You feel that they really are rooted in the country and this in spite of the fact -- which is significant of the attitude of the ruling people -- that the name Falasha is a slightly pejorative term given to the Ethiopian Jews by their fellow countrymen denoting a stranger or an immigrant. And yet, like Jews in many other countries, the Falashas -- who call themselves Beta-Israel and now number about 25,000 although 50 years ago they were twice that number -- have almost certainly practiced their religion continuously for longer than either their Christian or Moslem neighbors. Christianity, in the form of the Coptic Church came to Ethiopia in CE 330 and Islam in the seventh century while Judaism has probably been practised since before the destruction of the Second Temple in CE 70.

Elsewhere in the diaspora, the agricultural Jew is a rarity. In Ethiopia, which of course is an agricultural country, the reverse is true. If you want to visit the Falashas you have to seek them out in small villages and hamlets scattered among the neighboring tribes in the mountains around Gondar. The way in which the Falashas have settled there as merchants, having forsaken their home country as refugees from Arab hostility. The way in which the Falashas are interspersed with the rest of the population is

reminiscent of the situation of Christian villages mixed with Moslem villages in the Arab countries. The Ethiopian Jews have not been confined to ghettos as they were in Europe and the Middle East, but they have been subject to great hardships and indignities, which is one reason why contacts with world Jewry are so important for them.

All too little is known about the history of the Falashas, and their background is even more obscure than that of other oriental Jewish communities. No one can say for certain when Judaism first came to Ethiopia or how. According to popular legend it was brought by the Queen of Sheba after her sojourn at the court of King Solomon. The ancestor of the present Royal House is said to have been King Solomon's son, Menelik, who brought the Ark of the Covenant to Ethiopia. The origin of the Falashas is a subject for debate among scholars. Professor Edward Ullendorff of London University is emphatic that their "so-called Judaism is merely the reflection of those Hebrew and Judaic practices and beliefs which were implanted on part of South West Arabia in the first post-Christian centuries and subsequently brought into Abyssinia". It seems a little unkind (to say the least) to describe a religion which is so firmly and fanatically held as single-mindedly based on the Torah as "so-called Judaism". Were our forebears before talmudic times only adherents of "so-called Judaism"? It is a harsh judgement for the orthodox view is that Judaism was complete before the coming of Christianity. However, a more generous attitude is expressed by Professor Robert L. Hess of the University of Illinois who, without taking sides, has written:

"...Various scholars have debated whether the Falasha are descendants of converted Agau (the aboriginal population of Ethiopia), or of immigrant Jews who intermarried with the Agau, or of immigrant Yemeni Arabs, who had converted to Judaism, or of immigrant Yemenite Jews, or of Jews from Egypt who arrived either at the time of the Exodus or at various times between the sixth century BCE and the first century CE or of successive waves of Jewish immigrants from Egypt and Arabia and of Arab converts to Judaism, all of whom in time intermarried with the aboriginal population. Falasha origins are still unknown."

Whatever historical research will eventually show as to the origins of the Falashas it is clear that their religion is firmly based on the Law of Moses to which they adhere with a zeal which would put most Western Jews to shame. It is also true that the Coptic Church, which represents the dominant faith in Ethiopia, has a stronger attachment to its Jewish origins than almost any other branch of Christianity apart from such small Protestant sects as the Christadelphians. The Falashas conscientiously observe the precepts governing Kashrut, Sabbath, circumcision, marriage, purification and so forth. Their priests are divided between Cohanim and Levites. Their synagogues

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ASK THE RABBI

JCNS Interview

Who were the Karaites? Do they still exist?

The name Karaim (or Bene Mikra) clearly comes from the root kara, "to read" or "to call". The name generally refers to the group which accepts only the Bible ("that which is read") as authoritative, while rejecting the (originally oral) rabbinic tradition. But it has also been suggested that the name means "those who issue a call," i.e., to a different form of Judaism from the rabbinic.

In practice it was not really possible to construct a viable religion on the basis of the biblical record alone and the Karaites evolved their own traditions of biblical interpretation. The founder of Karaism is said to have been Anan b. David in the second half of the eighth century. However, this simplistic view is rejected by modern scholars, who argue that it is impossible for the Karaite schism to have emerged solely through the activities and personality of one man.

All the evidence goes to show that, in fact, Karaite groups, of which there were many, trace their ideas to a far earlier period. Many Karaite ideas and teachings are found, for example, among the Sadducees and Boethusians, who flourished as early as the period of the Second Temple. We have rather to think of anti-rabbinic views enjoying a long subterranean

existence until they emerged in the Karaite movement.

Naturally the Karaites paid a good deal of attention to the study of the Bible, and this served as a stimulus to rabbinic Jews to engage in biblical exegesis. Saadia Gaon was a determined opponent of the Karaites and Abraham Ibn Ezra's famous commentary to the Pentateuch contains anti-Karaite polemics.

A well-known illustration of how Karaite interpretation differs from the rabbinic is with regard to the Sabbath laws. Strict Karaites understood literally the verses "Let no man go out of his place on the seventh day" (Exodus 16, 29), and "Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the Sabbath day" (Exodus 35, 3). Accordingly, they considered it forbidden to leave one's home on the Sabbath and to have light or hot food in the home on that day. Rabbinic interpretation, of course, has toned down the severity of these commandments. The Karaites also extended greatly the list of forbidden degrees of marriage.

Before the war it was estimated that there were about 12,000 Karaites still in existence, most of them in the Crimea. There is a Karaite community in Israel today. Its members are currently engaged in a struggle with the rabbinate for State recognition of their right to be guided by their own legal system.

ADVERSE INFLUENCE

New York, (JCNS). - The University campus in North America has become the "crisis area of Jewish survival" and the scene of growing alienation and defection from Judaism, according to a noted American Jewish educator. He cited studies to show that the defection rate among Jewish students in the liberal arts colleges was as high as 50 per cent in some areas.

Dr. Bernard Lander, professor of sociology at Hunter College in New York City, who was addressing the 47th annual convention of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America recently, stated that the defection rate was higher for Jews than for Protestants.

The situation is grave, he pointed out, for more than 80 per cent some estimates were even higher) of Jewish youth attend universities. He cited a study by Professor Ernest van den Haag on the political and religious attitudes of North American students at twelve universities. This showed that liberal arts colleges, with the exception of Catholic institutions, "exercise a generally destructive effect on students' convictions", as shown by their answer to a survey on the need for religious belief.

Another study, based on a secondary analysis of a survey of undergraduates conducted originally by the Bureau of Applied Research of Columbia University, showed according to Dr. Lander, that about 26 per cent of the students brought up as Jews "no longer consider themselves Jews". The defection rates among

Jewish undergraduates was found to be highest among students majoring in the humanities "of whom one-third no longer defined themselves as Jews". Of these, 40 per cent felt it was "likely that they would marry non-Jews". Six who identified themselves as Jews also gave that response.

BREAKING WITH TRADITION
A study at Yale University

also cited by Dr. Lander, showed that "two-thirds of the youth who went to Yale after twelve years of an intensive Jewish educational background have broken completely with the traditions of their upbringing."

Conversely, at Yeshiva College, the undergraduates section of Yeshiva University, many of the most religious young men found in

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KEEP SMILING

When Golda Meir visited the United Nations recently, she met President Nixon in the hall, said the American President, "Mrs. Meir, let us exchange generals."

"Whom would you want," asked Mrs. Meir, "General Dayan for the Army and General Weizman for the Air Force," replied Mr. Nixon. "Whom would you like in exchange?"

Replied Mrs. Meir, "General Motors and General Electric."

"was the K-rations. I just hated the stuff."

Said the Israeli soldier, "But we have K-rations, too."

"Really, what are yours?" "Kushies, kreplach, knaidlach, kishken, kasha and kugel."

Question: What is the difference between El Al and Air France?

Answer: When you are asked aboard an Air France plane whether the stewardess or while the stewardess is referring to the wine. On an El Al plane, she means the horseshed.

Question: What do you call a bull who is asleep?

Answer: A bulldozer.

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

THE SEARCH FOR ETERNAL LIFE

Jacob called the name of that place Beth El, but the name of the city was formerly Luz (Genesis 28:19).

The ancients believed a legend that in Luz nobody ever died, and many searched in vain for that place. The story is told about Aaron, who heard that in Jerusalem there lived a wise man called Natfali, who knew the location of Luz. Determined to find Luz, Aaron went to Jerusalem, sought out Natfali and asked him: "How can I get to Luz?"

Natfali did not reply at once but finally said: "Before you can come to Luz you must find a town in the exact center of which stands an old tree. There you will see Hayim, an old man who will tell you how to reach the next town which also has a tree standing in its exact center. There, another old man will tell you how to get to the next town with a tree in its center. In that town, an old sage with a snow-white beard will show you a cave which must be traversed before you can find Luz. There is no light in the cave but there are many passages. Only when you have discovered the right passage will you find the way to Luz."

Aaron at once set out to find a town with a tree exactly in its center. He continued to follow Natfali's instructions until, after several weeks had elapsed, he entered the cave. He took an abundant supply of food with him because he had been warned that the cave was vast, deep and long.

After wandering there for several days, he encountered an old man.

"Shalom," said Aaron. "Who are you, my good man?"

"Menahem, son of Judah. And who are you?" the man asked.

They could not see each other because it was very dark in the cave, but Aaron told him: "I am looking for the entrance to Luz."

"The entrance? Strange, I am looking for the door to get out. Where is the door?" the man asked. "I must get out of here, I am so tired of Luz; I am bored to tears. There is absolutely nothing to do there."

When Aaron heard this he retraced his steps, left the cave, and returned to his home and the work that awaited him there.

Many imagine they would be happy if they could live forever. But without a purpose, without a sense of values, without a feeling of being wanted and needed, a protracted life would be boring, tedious and monotonous. Happiness is a by-product of the creative way of life. The zest and joy of life consists in service to others, in a feeling of usefulness and accomplishment, rather than the number of years one has lived or may live.

As someone has rightly said: "Adding life to our years is no less important than adding years to our life."

FROM HEAVEN ON YOUR HEAD, by Dr. S.Z. Kanana, adapted by Rabbi Morris Silverman. By arrangement with Hartmore House, Hartmore, Conn.

letters to the Editor

CANADA'S ABSTENTION

Dear editor;

It was with surprise and disappointment that I learned of Canada's abstention in the U.N. General Assembly on November 4th, especially since Canada has always strongly advocated Security Council resolution of November 22nd, 1967, and especially since Canada spoke up in the deliberations against the November 4th issue.

Canada totally disregarded the USSR and Egyptian violations of the agreed ceasefire and by its abstention condoned their violations. Our abstention in effect does not indicate our disapproval of the lack of good faith by Egypt and the USSR as well as their violation and sets a poor example for other nations that may very well have been guided by our actions. In my opinion, Canada's action is reprehensible and inconsistent and is the very type of action that our young people criticize and rebel against. Is it any great wonder that the behavior and conduct of the younger people in our society has become one of the major problems of today? Don't you also feel that the activities of rebellious groups advocating violence at any cost can also be indirectly guided by such hypocritical actions taken by the Government? Surely it is at times like this when

Max M. Glassman, M.D.
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DIVORCE RATE

Dear editor;

I found Rabbi Rabinovitch's article "Jewish Divorces Up 78%" most interesting (Canadian Jewish News, November 27th).

A generation gap now exists whereby more teenagers regularly attend synagogue for learning and prayers than do their parents and other adults. Why not close the vacuum gaps from bar mitzva to marriage, from marriage to old age? Increased participation in synagogue affairs and religious studies would greatly strengthen the entire family unit and give their lives a focal point with which they could identify. The doors to peace and quiet for worship in the synagogue are always open.

Increased awareness of Judaism would close the gaps in our community and the divorce rate would probably go down.

H. MAX SEIDEN
Toronto

Filling Golda's basket

JCNS EXCLUSIVE FROM NEW YORK

It took the United States many years to appreciate that its recurrent dream of an arms standstill in the Middle East was unrealistic and to awaken to realities by undertaking to balance the flow of military hardware from the Soviet Union to the Arab States, especially Egypt, by arming Israel.

The awakening began with President Kennedy's decision towards the end of 1962 to supply Israel with Hawk ground-to-air missiles, and President Johnson's agreement, negotiated with Prime Minister Eshkol in December, 1968, to make the world's best fighter-bomber, the Phantom, available as well.

Arms middlemen

Until the Hawk deal, the United States maintained that it would not be a major arms supplier to the Middle East. But, like all official positions, this, too, had gaps: important supplies, such as tanks, did flow to Israel, but these were sent through other States, such as Germany and Britain; and the fiction was maintained that they did not come from America.

Israel was grateful for the arrangement, but she was not

elated. What she needed was a source of supplies which she could deal with openly, and at advantageous terms.

Aircraft were no problem--until the Six-Day War, when de Gaulle stopped the Mirages and other material going to Israel, thus shutting off her only source of defence against the Russian jets Egypt was getting without end.

Israel's arms obtainment in the United States doubled their efforts, but without success. Mr. Eshkol decided to take on the job himself and made his long trek to Mr. Johnson's ranch in Texas where, aided by a freak storm, they sat and worked out the first Phantom deal. Deliveries began exactly 18 months later, along with the lesser, but still invaluable, Skyhawks.

The Phantoms were the answer to the Israeli pilots' prayers. Faster, more manoeuvrable, deadlier than the MiGs and Ilyushins the Egyptians sent up, each Phantom, the fliers found, was equal to about ten Mirages. Like Oliver Twist, the Israelis wanted more.

In September of last year, Mrs. Meir, who had become Prime Minister, went to Washington with what she called her "shopping basket" and returned home with a "lighter heart" but a still-empty basket. There were promises from President Nixon that her requests

would receive "sympathetic consideration" and some high-placed Israelis were optimistic. But not for long. There soon followed the statement of the Secretary of State, Mr. Rogers, outlining America's views on what the Israeli-Arab borders should be, coupled with an effort to achieve agreement with Russia on a settlement in the Middle East. One of the elements of the hoped-for agreement was an end to the arms race in the Middle East.

Hopes dashed

The United States, of course, thought it would be odd if it continued to supply Israel with weapons while asking for a standstill. Israel's hopes were dashed and its spirits sank--and the Soviet Union continued to send massive supplies of the latest war material, including its ultra-sophisticated ground-to-air missiles, the "SAMS," to Egypt.

Then came the Rogers initiative. The American proposals for a ceasefire and arms standstill in the Sinai area and talks under the auspices of Mr. Gunnar Jarring. Israel was reluctant to begin the talks as long as she considered her

self at a military disadvantage. Washington promised to redress this, and entered into an agreement with Jerusalem for additional Phantoms, Skyhawks, tanks and the latest American anti-missile equipment. The Administration has since gone to Congress to ask for \$500-million (over \$200 million) aid for Israel to help her assume the tremendous financial burden.

Of this amount, \$120 million is earmarked to finance earlier purchases, and all of it is to be on long-term, low-interest terms. It has been stated time and again in the press that all this is to "compensate" Israel for the illegal missile build-up in the standstill zone. This is not so. It is based strictly and solely on previous commitments and is not a form of "rectification."

New commitments lie in the near future. Israel hopes (and has suggested to Mr. Rogers and the White House) that they will include a firm undertaking to act towards Israel as the Soviet Union acts towards Egypt: to fulfil her military needs automatically without having to drag shopping baskets to Washington every now and again.

RICHARD YAFFE

THEATER IN TORONTO

by Stephanie J. Davids

"NO, NO, NANETTE" -- A REFRESHING CHANGE

My initial reaction to seeing the show "No, No, Nanette", reminiscent of the 1920's, was complete dis-

interest. I had had my fill of the plotless, unrealistic musicals that fill the TV screen. Being of the "now generation," I am accustomed to the theater's newly adopted Messianic role. Doesn't every production today transmit some message vital to society? So with this attitude I sat down in the plush O'Keefe Center. Then it happened. The overture rang forth and I liked it. The elaborate autumn-toned curtain was only the beginning. The stage was suddenly flooded with color. The formality of the theater made its comeback in this play; the elaborate setting, the marked union of the dancers, the obviously talented stars all added up to a refreshing new experience. True the plot was of little significance, but the accessories more than compensated for it.

Ruby Keeler, as Sue Smith, was magnificent. Not only was her dancing superb, but her speech and gestures affirmed her membership in the aristocracy. Frank McHugh, the male star, succeeded in being both when serious and funny. Patsy Kelly, in her usual role of maid, was her hilarious self

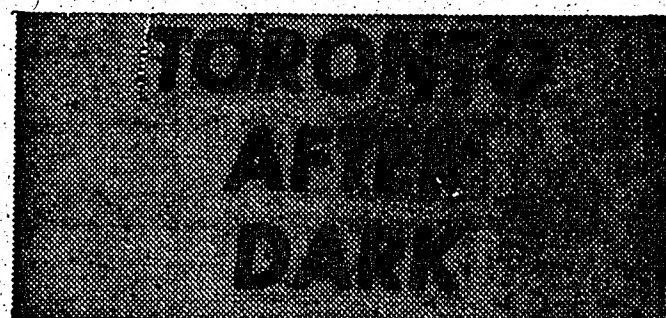
(complete with Brooklyn accent). Susan Watson and Kenneth Carr, who took the roles of Nanette and Tom Trainor respectively, won the admiration of all with their well-trained, gifted voices. Helen Gallagher captivated the audience with her rendition of "Where Has My Hubby Gone?" Blues. The show was great not only because of its main stars, but also due to the performances of those who portrayed secondary roles -- K. C. Townsend, Loni Zoe Ackerman, Pat Lysinger. The background dancing and singing reflected the cast's talent and Donald Sadler's theatrical ability.

When the show ended I found myself singing "Tea for Two" all the way home. Though I am accustomed to the heavy aftertaste of most of today's productions, I luxuriated in that almost extinct relaxing sensation. Yet, since I've been conditioned, I did not return home completely subdued. I wondered at the unrealistic presentations of that era which afforded a means of escape for a few hours. Perhaps they produced a healthier and more stable way of life.



SABRA DANCE TROUPE AT "ALL-ISRAEL CHANUKAH FESTIVAL" The invigorating spirit of Israel will come to life on the stage of O'Keefe Center, Toronto, at two performances on Sunday, December 20th, with the performance of Israel's famous "Sabra Dancers". This event is the traditional climax of the Toronto State of Israel Bond Campaign which this year has set an unprecedented cash record of Israel Bond sales, totalling nearly double last year's campaign. Through the Festival, members of Toronto Jewry express their close association with the building and development of the State of Israel.

The star of the 1970 Chanukah Festival in Toronto will be Miss Hanna Aroni, who is also starring in the New York Chanukah Festival at Madison Square Gardens. Other renowned artists will also appear on the program. Reserved seats for the December 20th Festival are available upon request, to paid-up purchasers of a minimum of \$200 in State of Israel Bonds in 1970.



THE ME NOBODY KNOWS The Me Nobody Knows will open at the Helen Hayes Theater on Broadway on December 18. The show has been playing at the Orpheum Theater off-Broadway since last May 20th. It closed Nov. 16 because of the recent equity off-Broadway theater strike.

The Canadian version of the show has been playing at the Crest Theater since Wednesday November 4. Although the book on which the show is based is out of print in Canada, both the book and the show are being used extensively as teaching aids in Toronto schools.

Wednesday matinees have now been introduced starting December 2. **THE CONFESSION** "The Confession", directed by Costa-Gavras and starring Yves Montand and Simone Signoret, will begin its Canadian premiere engagement on Friday, January 15th across Canada. Costa-Gavras, director of the Academy Award-winning "Z", filmed "The Confes-

sion" from an adaptation and dialogue by Jorge Semprun based on a narrative by Lise and Arthur London. The film is the true story of Arthur London's imprisonment in Czechoslovakia during the 1951 purge of the Communist Party and the notorious Slansky Trial.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SYMPHONY The University of Toronto Symphony Orchestra performs its first concert of the season on Friday evening, December 4th at 8 p.m. in the MacMillan Theater, Edward Johnson Building with Music Director Victor Feldbrill conducting.

The program will include the Tragic Overture, Op. 81 of Brahms; Symphony No. 39 in E flat major, K. 543 of Mozart and Symphony No. 1 (1951) by the contemporary Canadian composer, Harry Somers. Free reserved tickets available at Box Office, Edward Johnson Building 928-3744.

PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM Red Buttons and Woody Allen, two dealers in laughs, are joined in a comic enterprise called "Play It Again Sam" -- Buttons as the comedy star of the occasion, Allen as master of nonsense, the author. The comedy, Allen's second stage hit, is here after two seasons on Broadway.

Buttons, as Allen Felix, a movie critic who would like to be like Bogart with the girls, is the sorriest kind of lover, but game to the core. Rebuffed by six beauties, he nevertheless persists until finally he makes a conquest. But that only leaves him miserable and shattered by guilt. It may be said that "Play It Again, Sam" is "both a comedy and a love story. The love story is itself the comedy, making it not a romantic comedy but rather a comic romance. Buttons returns to the stage after a triumph in films, as the spent marathon dancer in "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?" He is also remembered for his performance in "Sayonara" for which he was awarded an Oscar. Other players are Deborah Debie, William Bogert, Peter De Maio, Connie Day, Rebecca Shaw, Glory McRae, Sarah Chaitin, Patricia Earnest, Kathie Savage and Marika Choma.

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*Frederick Morton is author of "The Rothschilds". He has a few lines in "Diary of a Mad Housewife". He says of his role: "It's really a bit part, but since the success of the Broadway musical 'The Rothschilds' I tell people my movie appearance is a 'cameo role'."

*Maria Callas, the old friend of Aristotle Onassis, owner of Olympic Airways, recently flew to London via Pan Am.

*Jamie Wyeth, son of the famous painter Andrew Wyeth has become a top artist in his own right. The younger Wyeth is painting a portrait of Joe Levine of theater fame in New York.

*The Mayor of Cleveland, Paul Stokes, has written an article for Playboy magazine.

*Wolfe Kaufman, the Huron representative who died in Paris last week, has been head of the American Theatrical Press Agents' union.

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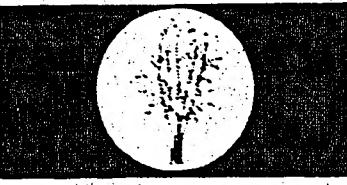
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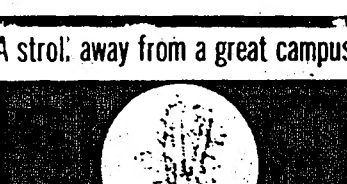
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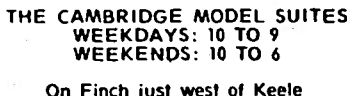
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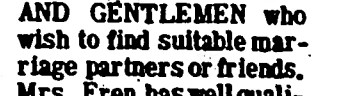
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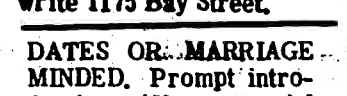
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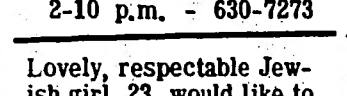
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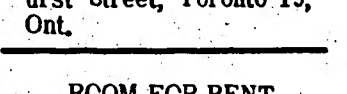
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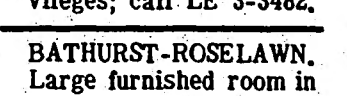
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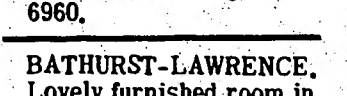
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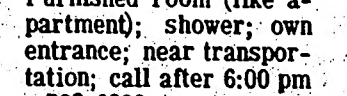
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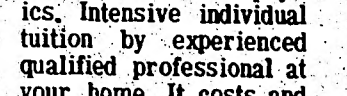
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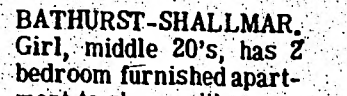
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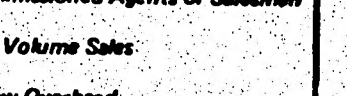
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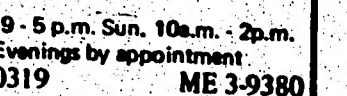
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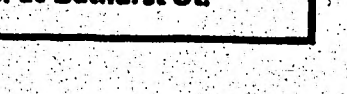
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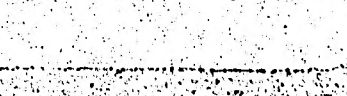
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MONTREAL JEWS PROTEST SOVIET POLICY TOWARDS RUSSIAN JEWS

"Only the weight of world opinion can stem the dissolution of the Jewish community in Soviet Russia. Only a vigorously expressed comment by Christians in the West can halt the present course of the Soviet Government, which must be described as outright anti-Semitism by government plan," said Dr. W. Gunther Plaut, chairman of the National Religious Affairs Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress and Rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto, when speaking to a mass rally in Montreal Wednesday, November 25, at the Chevra Kadisha Synagogue.

The meeting was the first of many such rallies currently being organized across Canada under the auspices of Canadian Jewish Congress to protest current Soviet policy.

The latest incident is the imminent trial of 31 Soviet Jews held incommunicado since their arrest several months ago. Through circumstantial evidence and underground reports it has been learned that the trial is to be specifically directed to promote anti-Jewish propaganda, indicating another step in the current Soviet anti-Semitic campaign.

Prof. Parry Meyer, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress National Foreign Affairs Committee, presided and Rabbi Allan Langner,

chairman of the Board of Jewish Ministers of Greater Montreal, and Nahum Wilchinsky, vice chairman of Congress, Quebec Region, also participated in the program.

MILTON WINSTON EASTERN REGION ZOC DIRECTOR

According to an announcement made by Daniel Monson, National President, Sam Drucker, National Vice-President (Montreal) and Bernard Figler, Q.C. Regional ZOC President (Montreal), Milton Winston was appointed Eastern Region ZOC Director.

Mr. Winston, B.A., B.C.L., an attorney and freelance journalist is the second Vice-President of the Association of Americans and Canadians for Aliyah and was a delegate for the Association to the last session of the Zionist General Council in Jerusalem.

His many years of experience in Zionist work and his thorough knowledge of the Montreal community will undoubtedly assist Mr. Winston in the many tasks which lie ahead of him for the revitalization and strengthening of ZOC work in the Province of Quebec.

THE HEBREW ACADEMY
The Hebrew Academy, a Torah-oriented Day School, announces the election of officers for the coming year 5731:

Honorary President, Joel Sternthal; Honorary Chairman, Mr. Ernest Rashkovan, Chairman, JIAS Integration and Special Projects Committee presided.

YOUTH INVOLVED IN JIAS WORK
A meeting of a group of

young volunteers, students of the Herzliah High School, Montreal, and Brail Brith Youth Organization met with JIAS staff to discuss involvement in JIAS work.

Dr. Kage's outline of areas of volunteer assistance generated a lively interest and elicited specific proposals of participation in the program.

Interest was expressed in tutoring for immigrant children, and the undertaking of drive in cooperation with other youth groups for bicycles, cub and boy scout uniforms, ice skates and other items for immigrant children.

TEACHERS' CONFERENCE
A teachers' Conference, sponsored by Congress, Eastern Region, in association with the Federation of Teachers of Jewish Schools, was recently held in Montreal.

There was a full attendance of the faculties of all schools (day and afternoon) and over 400 teachers participated in the various sessions. The guest of the conference was Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs of Chicago, an internationally known authority on Dynamics of Classroom Behavior who also conducted Plenary Sessions on problems presented by teachers and discussed the special classroom problem related to the dual programs of Jewish Schools and the double load carried by students.

Tribute was paid to senior Jewish educators: Messrs. S. Dunskey, S. Lerner and Y. Shtrern, which was conveyed on behalf of the conference by Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat, Mr. Leon Teitelbaum, chairman of the Education Committee of Congress, Eastern Region, spoke in recognition of senior teachers of 25 years service. Twenty-four teachers were so recognized. The conference was greeted by the Israel Consul in Montreal, Mr. P. Shanan, Dr. M. Schwartzben presided at the conference.

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The lighter side of Israel

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THE CABINETMAKERS

Golda: Yossi, why are you bawling?
 Almog: I want to stay Minister of Labor. Why Galili, why?
 Golda: Poor Izzy has been out of a job for a whole year. Give him a go at Labor, there's a good boy.
 Almog: Just as one gets used to it, just as one packs the Ministry with one's cronies, you have to take it away.

Golda: Crybaby!
 Almog: Oh yeah? And why can Abba Eban keep the Foreign Ministry for twenty years? Let him be Minister of the Interior, or Posts or something, for a while.
 Abba: You are hallucinating, my friend.
 Almog: Golda doesn't like me, that's a fact. . . .
 Golda: I like you very much, Yossi, but there must be some order in everything we do. Look, Ze'ev here is my favorite, and yet I gave him only Housing.
 Sharef: I want Commerce and Industry.
 Golda: Out of the question. You know too much about industry.
 Sharef: That's not true, I don't know a thing.
 Golda: Oh yes, you do. And you know our iron-clad rule, no one heads a ministry he knows about.
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Almog: What's the diff, A portfolio is a portfolio.
 Golda: Yossi's right. (Phonies) Pinhas, from now on, you are Minister of Development as well.
 Sapi: OK.
 Sharef: (whisper) Give him Housing as well, Housing. . . .
 Golda: Tomorrow Zerach, what's the matter with you, Yod? Wah! Wah! I'll give Sharef Religions, if you let me have Defence until the holidays.
 Dayan: All you have to do, boys, is say, "go!" and I'm out.
 Eban: Go!
 Dayan: I won't go.
 Golda: Don't fight, children. Who else?
 Hazani: My turn.
 Golda: All right. We'll set up a brand-new ministry for you: the Ministry of Savings.
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 Golda: Not yet. First, the appointment.
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 Golda: You see, children, with just a mite of goodwill, one can arrange everything.
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task with which the Government will entrust me. . . .
 Golda: I was only joking. Shlomo, why are you wailing over there?
 Hillel: I want the Police. . . . I want to be Police Minister.
 Golda: And what do you think you are now?
 Hillel: Sorry, I forgot. . . . Dr. Burg, Teacher, Moshe Kol and I decided to switch ministries for a fortnight. He'll handle Welfare and I Tourism, is that all right with you?
 Sharef: And who'll relieve me in Housing? Come on, Yigal!
 Allon: I want Absorption. Golda: Sorry children, it won't work. Democracy means the people's will and the people decided to appoint Nathan Peled Minister of Absorption.
 Almog: Why he, of all kids?
 Golda: Another cheeky word out of you, Yossi and I'll make you Minister of Posts! Peres: Personally I am willing to accept any Cabinet appointment I might be entrusted with. . . .
 Golda: Not yet!
 Almog: Give Peres Posts and Devilment and that's that.
 Golda: Not Devilment, Yossi, Development.
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My sister, four years older, is divorced and is undergoing psychiatric treatment, after an unhappy five-year marriage.

My sister insists that I have psychiatric problems which make me unfit for marriage. Her constant nagging about the matter upsets me.

We are the only children in the family. My mother died when I was 14. My father never remarried. My sister was very good to my father and took care of the house until she married.

ANSWER: The person who goes from college to college, dropping out and then returning, or who goes from job to job, often feels like a lost soul, emotionally.

Basically, he is searching for the acceptance he feels he never got at home. It adds to the problem if such a young man, in addition, has not given up his attachment to the first and most important female in his life, his mother. Sometimes, this attachment is to an older sister, who becomes both a substitute parent and a substitute love-object in his life. As long as he continues to hold on to the mother or the sister, he never really finds a woman of his own, with whom to build a good life.

After your mother's death, when your sister took over and you were able to

continue to live together as a family, you were grateful to her. The attachment and dependency on her, which you felt was out of gratitude, was not so guilt-provoking. Your sister became a symbol of the kind of woman you would want to marry some day, and holding on to her was quite acceptable until you would find a woman of your own.

When she got married and left home, you may have felt as if she had left you for another. Then you acted out your hurt by dropping out of one school after another, as she had dropped you.

When you "came close to marriage," but discovered that the girl was not for you, it only indicated that you were not quite ready for marriage. But this does not by any means indicate that you have a psychological problem which will stand in the way of your ever getting married.

People who are in therapy will sometimes tend to act like diagnosticians or therapists to their family or friends. This makes them feel superior, and also tells the others not to be so sure that, because they aren't in therapy, they haven't any problems, which can be very threatening.

Psychological counselling would certainly give you some insights into yourself and your relations with your sister. It would explain why, at your age, you still become so upset about what she says to or about you.

When you cease to play into your mutual dependency on each other, you will be ready for marriage, and will find the right person. Your sister would then see you as a grown male who merits respect for his achievements, and not as a little brother who has to be advised and guided in order to be kept out of trouble.

TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWS

BAYCREST CENTER WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
 A luncheon for presidents honoring those organizations that have contributed to Treasury Gifts of the Women's Auxiliary of Baycrest Center will be held on Sunday, December 6th, at noon.
 Mrs. Coleman Sulurshad and Mrs. Frank Winters are co-chairmen of this project.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CHANUKAH TEA
 The Women's Auxiliary of Baycrest Center for Geriatric Care will be holding its Chanukah Tea Meeting on Wednesday, December 16th, in the Abe Polsums Auditorium, 3560 Bathurst St.
 The guest speaker is Rabbi Reuben Shonim who will speak on the "Generation Gap".

Cantor Tibor Kelen, Cantor of B'nai Israel Beth David Synagogue will provide the musical portion of the program. He is also a member of the New York City Opera Company. His wife, Mrs. Gabriella Kelen, International Opera Star, will also perform.

Auxiliary members and their guests, as well as the public, are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served.

ENDOBAH ART SHOW
 The Annual Endobah Art and Sculpture Exhibit, sponsored by the 23rd Scout Group will be on display December 10th and 11th from 2:00 until 10:30 p.m. and December 12th from 12 until 10:30 p.m. at St. Clement's Church, Briar Hill and Duplex Ave.

The work of the following leading artists will be door prizes: A. Meredith Barry, Saul Field, Aileen Cowan, Converse Barker, and Harold Fine. Mayor P. White of the Borough of York and Mayor W. Dennison, of Metro Toronto will draw for the door prizes.

Throughout the exhibition which features many exceptional works, Elsie Schwartz will be sketching Toronto scenes.

The \$1.50 admission charge includes refreshments.

CLANTON PARK SISTERHOOD
 The last meeting of the Clanton Park Sisterhood was opened by the president, Ruth Lister, who read the minutes of the last meeting.

The guest speaker was Professor Leo Davids, who was introduced by Ida Nemtsov. Professor Davids spoke on "The Changing Jewish Parent", and made comparisons between Jewish family structure in the shtetl, the Kibbutz and the modern North American urban society.

Myra Feldman thanked him. Ruth Rabinovitch spoke on the meaning of Sisterhood and extended a warm wel-

come to the following new members: Mrs. David, Faygie David, Judy Goldberger, Mrs. Krantz, Vicky Levine, Beverly Lyons, Belle Mernick, Bess Marmer, Ida Nemtsov, Florence Spira, Mrs. Stroll, Florence Weinberger, Mrs. Wohlger and Debby Wohlger. In an unusual ceremony Blanche Janowski presented each new member

with a printed tie which she tied on them as a symbol of their new ties with Sisterhood.

Fran Schonblum won the Simcha cake and the refreshments were served by Mrs. Kaplan, Sara Kipper and Shirley Fidor.

A "surprise pre-Chanukah" meeting is being planned for December 9th, at the Shul.

MRS. SAMUEL J. ZACKS RECEIVES ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HUMANITIES AWARD. At the "All-Israel Fashion Festival Luncheon" on Thursday, November 26th, Mrs. Samuel J. Zacks received the "Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award" for "outstanding service to humanity and devoted friendship and support for Israel in the spirit of Eleanor Roosevelt".

The presentation of this award was the first in Canada. Mrs. Zacks, Chairman of the Women's Division, State of Israel Bonds of Toronto, in accepting the high honor paid to her, collectively paid tribute to every volunteer present at the luncheon who had played so vital a role in achieving nearly a million-and-a-half dollars in Israel Bonds by the Women's Division this year -- a year which has taxed to the limit the capacity of Israel and her people to meet the current burdens of defense and development.

Mrs. Joseph Henderson, wife of the Consul-General of the United States to Toronto and Mrs. Aba Gefen, wife of the Consul-General of Israel to Toronto, participated in the award presentation.

Shown here, left to right: Mrs. Norman W. Shaul, Jerusalem Sponsor Chairman; Mrs. Mark A. Levy, Trustee of Israel; Mrs. Samuel J. Zacks, Award Recipient; Mrs. Jean Rotenberg, Trustee; Mrs. Morris Zweig, Honorary Chairman, Women's Division, and Chairman of the Luncheon.

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A "surprise pre-Chanukah" meeting is being planned for December 9th, at the Shul.

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It's All In How You Look At It

by Ruthie

Recently I discussed a phase of my dieting. But, as all good physical culturists and dieticians claim, what's a diet without calisthenics? Without exercises you can look, at best, like a deflated balloon.

So, being hep on every newfangled idea, yours truly decided to exercise too. According to the experts all I needed was, maybe, twenty or thirty minutes a day to be limber and beautiful. Okay, there's a good TV program on every morning devoted to just that. I'd leave bedmaking for later.

Let me tell you something. I may look better but, after three weeks, I feel like a twisted pretzel. *Nisht jahrt dir gedacht* (not wishing it on you), my knees creak everytime I bend them, my fingers crack, I've got charley-horse all over, my derriere feels sore when I sit down and when I cross my legs sometimes I can't uncross them.

Of course, I can't contradict my instructor. It wouldn't be ethical. If he says I should feel wonderful and raring to go after a session of exercises, then that's how I should feel. But, a *zali yar oif ihm* (such a year on him)!

First of all, he starts off saying there are only so many weeks left till spring. And don't we want to look svelte when we shed our winter clothes? Right then and there I hate him because he gives me a time limit. As if I already haven't enough pressures! Sometimes he begins the program by cheerfully commanding,

"Now, kids, lie down on four mat, ready for the 'bicycle'".

One-two-three, just like that! The thing is, by the time it takes me to get flat on my back, he's through with the motions twenty times. Then getting up is murder. How does he do it in one count? I have to roll over on my knees first (picture that, if you can), then grab the arm of a chair for support, and finally pull myself up, one foot following the other. By that time I'm ready to drop.

My special nemesis is the exercise of touching the right toe with the left hand and vice versa — without bending the knees. Never mind the creaking of my back, never mind the pain in my side; what gets me is the grunt I emit with each downward pull. That completes my caricature of an elephant in action. After two such movements I prefer Chinese torture.

Furthermore, the *khutzpah* (nerve) of that guy! At the end of the program he says innocently,

"Now don't you feel better able to face the day, girls?"

Yeah, sure. *Ikh kem mikh kohn dershleppen* (I can hardly drag myself) to the refrigerator for a *nosh* (snack) to get my strength back.

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THE FALASHAS OF ETHIOPIA

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are simple structures of wood with a thatched roof or of stone roofed with corrugated iron. Their Bible consists of the Pentateuch together with the books of Joshua, Judges and Ruth written in Ge'ez, the ancient semitic language of Ethiopia. All traces of Hebrew (if they ever used it) have been lost due to the passage of time and their isolation from the outside world, but now there is a keen desire to learn the language.

In recent years the orthodox rabbinate in Israel has looked askance at the Falasha claim to be part of the House of Israel in much the same way as they did in regard to the Bene Israel of India or the Karaites. Nevertheless, the greatly revered Rabbi Kook, Chief Rabbi of Israel in the 1920s, had no such qualms, while the American Pro-Falasha committee in New York received the support of many others, the union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations. On the lay side, the cause of the Falashas has been supported by both Presidents Ben Zvi and Shazar of Israel as well as by such prominent personalities as Mrs. Ruth Dayan and Rabbi Israel Goldstein.

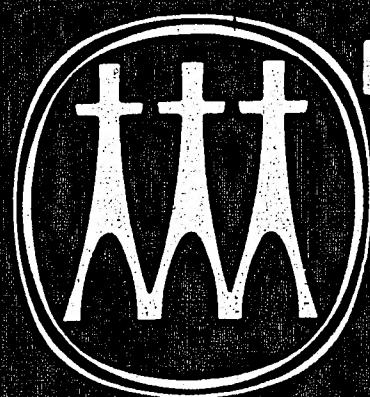
The position of the Falashas, however, remains extremely parlous, and world Jewry has been unbelievably slow to recognize how badly help is required. In a country with rulers of their own, they have been reduced to the level of impoverished tenant farmers at the mercy of rapacious landlords, a constant target for the attentions of Christian missionaries who have established schools and medical centers in the neighborhoods of their villages. In addition to farming the Falashas are potters, blacksmiths, weavers and carpenters, pursuing crafts which their fellow Ethiopians despise as being beneath their dignity.

In order to make some attempt to raise the standard of the Falashas and to bring them back into contact with world Jewry a few village schools and dispensaries have been established by the combined efforts of the Jewish Agency, the Jewish Colonization Association (ICA) and British OSE. But the total budget at less than \$15,000 per annum, valuable though it is, is pathetically inadequate.

Recently, however, a new and very exciting initiative has been taken by the Falashas themselves with the help of a few American philanthropists and the encouragement of the Israeli Embassy in Addis Ababa.

A settlement project has been launched in the lowland area of the same province, Begender, or Begemder, is the capital. This region, in the Setit-Humera district near the Sudan border, is only about 150 miles as the crow flies from Gondar but a six-day trek over difficult country by foot. It is to be developed by the Ethiopian Government with assistance from the World Bank and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. During my visit I saw the work of the advance party of young men from the hills which has begun clearing the primeval bush and cultivating the land so that it is hoped that whole families can establish themselves next year. Cotton, sesame and sorghum (durra) are being grown and marketed. 5,500 acres of virgin land have been acquired and the Falashas' enterprise has received the blessing of the Emperor Haile Selassie and his ministers.

Additional capital equipment in the form of tractors and implements are badly needed to supplement the initial experimental investment which has been made on a tiny scale. The enthusiasm and ability and courage of the settlers in conditions of the greatest hardship have been demonstrated but they require assistance in organizing and administering what could well become a very important agricultural development scheme run on cooperative lines which would be a model for the whole area. If their bold adventure succeeds, the profit from the enterprise will materially assist in raising the standard of living of the whole Falasha community. This will not only give a much-needed boost to its morale and enable its members once again to hold their heads high but will also provide an opportunity for them to contribute significantly to the development of Ethiopia, in which the State of Israel itself is participating on a considerable scale through technical and other aid.



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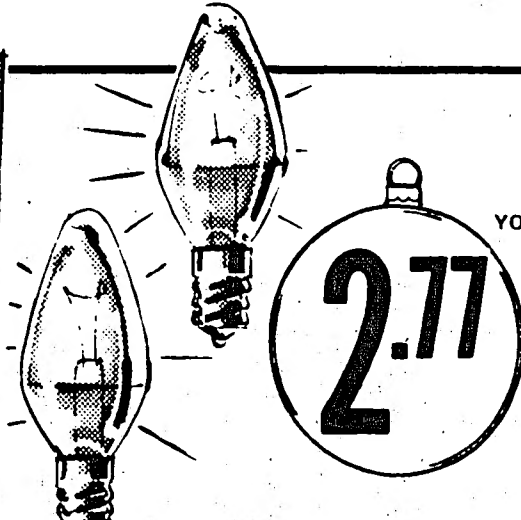
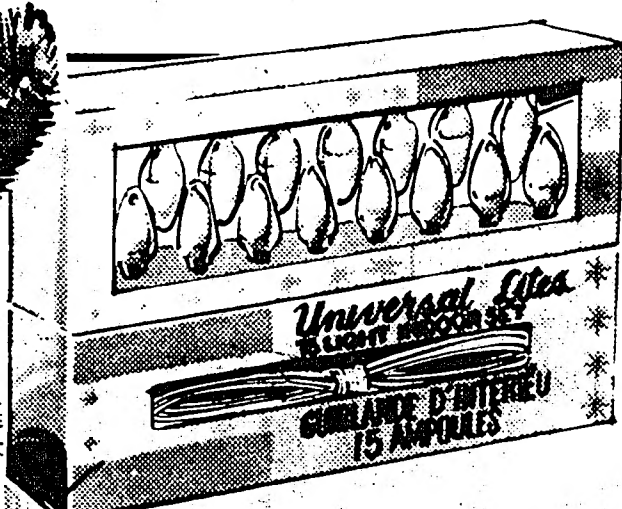
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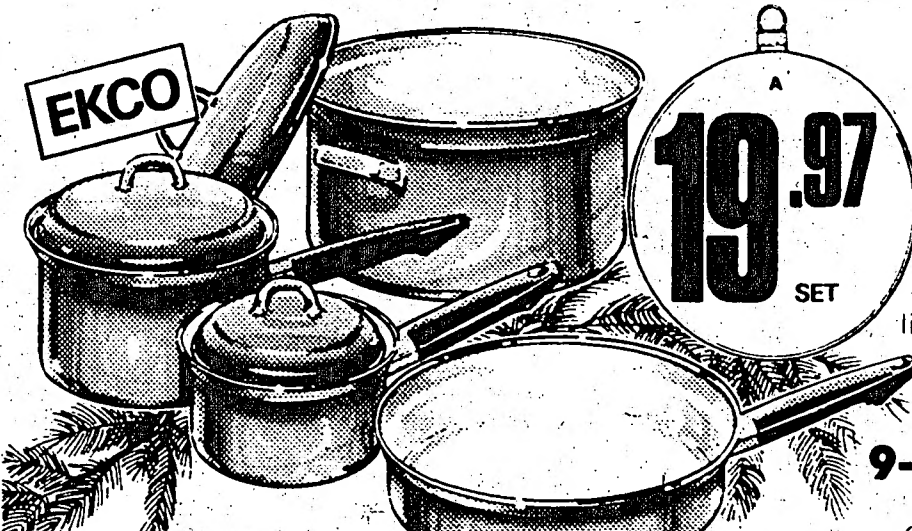
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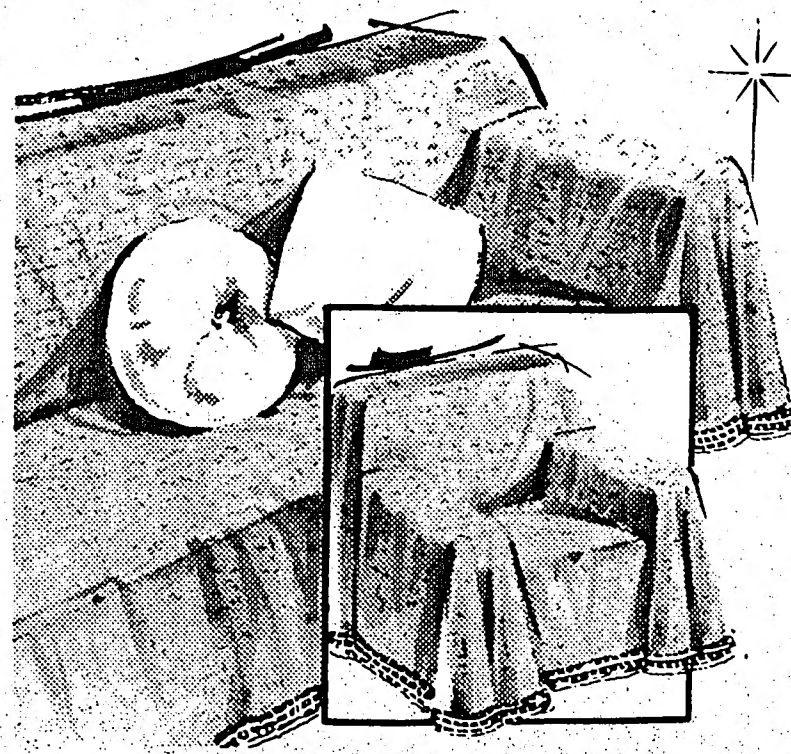
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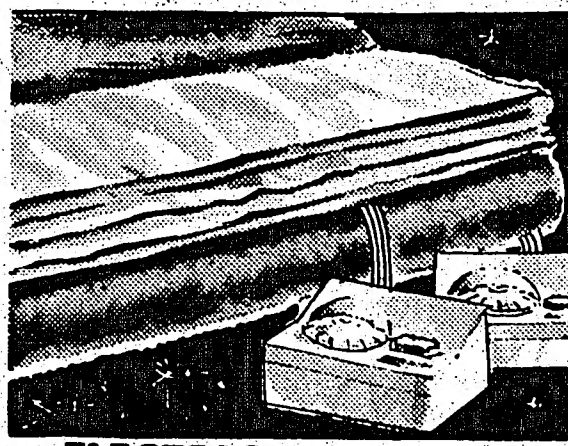
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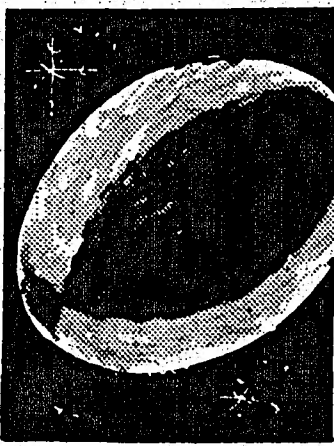
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